

Remarks

By this amendment, claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled, claims 1, 4 and 5 have been amended, and claims 8-12 have been added. Thus, claims 1-12 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The specification and abstract have been carefully reviewed and revised to correct grammatical and idiomatic errors in order to aid the Examiner in further consideration of the application. The amendments to the specification and abstract are incorporated in the attached substitute specification and abstract. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and Abstract by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

In item 3 on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner kindly indicated that claims 2-5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance of this application, claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled; the limitations of claim 2 have been added into independent claim 1; and a new independent claim 8 has been added that incorporates the limitations of claims 1, 2 and 3. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to depend from claim 1. New dependent claims 9-12 have been added, and these claims are similar to the dependent claims 4-7, respectively, except that they depend from the new independent claim 8.

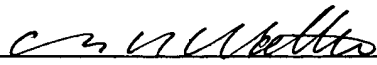
The claim language of the claims has been reviewed and a few minor revisions have been made to improve the English grammar and U.S. form thereof, but these changes are non-substantive.

According, in view of the above amendments resulting in an independent claim 1 that includes the limitations of previous claims 1 and 2, and an independent claim 8 that includes the limitations of previous claims 1, 2 and 3, with the remaining claims depending from one of the independent claims 1 and 8, it is submitted to be apparent that the application is now clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

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